

MFA in Graphic Design Degree Requirement

Department of Graphic Design

College of Design

Iowa State University

Graphic Design Requirements	30 Credits
ArtGr 570 Studio, <i>Fall</i> , Design Systems for Graphic Design	3 credits
ArtGr 571 Studio, <i>Spring</i> , Symbolology and Semiotics	3 credits
ArtGr 672 Studio, <i>Fall, Spring</i> , Graphic Design and Human Interaction	3 credits each semester— 6 total
ArtGR 698 Seminar, <i>Spring</i> , Current Issues in Graphic Design	3 credits each semester— 6 total
Three credit Option class, <i>Fall, Spring</i> , choose from ArtGr 572, ArtGr 573, ArtGr 574, ArtGr 575, ArtGr 578, ArtGr 579, ArtGr 584, ArtGr 591, ArtGR 592	3 credits each semester— 12 total
Minor Area	6–9 credits
Outside of graphic design but supports area of research, may be studio or other class	9 credits total including internship
Optional Off Campus Professional Experience	3 credits
Art 697 Internship	3 credits
Art History, Theory, Criticism	12 Credits
Art 501 Seminar (or Seminar in CoD)	3 credits
Art H 596 Lecture, <i>Fall</i> , History of Photography (or other art history)	3 credits
ArtGr 587 Lecture, <i>Fall</i> , History of Graphic design	3 credits
ArtGr 588 Lecture, <i>Spring</i> , History of Graphic design	3 credits
Teaching Practicum	3 Credits
ArtGr 611, <i>Spring</i> , Teaching in Higher Education and Design Practice	3 credits
Thesis	6–9 Credits
ArtGr 699 A or B, <i>Fall, Spring, Summer</i> , Thesis Research	6 credits
Total	60–63 Credits

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Suggested Course Sequence

Fall Semester	Year 1		
ArtGr 570	3 credits	Design Systems for Graphic Design	
ArtGr 587	3 credits	History of Graphic Design	
	3 credits	Graphic Design Option Class	
	3 credits	Elective, Minor Area, or Seminar	
			12 Credits
Spring Semester	Year 1		
ArtGr 571	3 credits	Symbology and Semiotics	
ArtGr 588	3 credits	History of Graphic Design	
ArtGr 698	3 credits	Graphic Design Seminar	
	3 credits	Graphic Design Option Class	
	3 credits	Elective, Minor Area, or Seminar	
			15 Credits
* At the end of the spring semester, Form POS committee and Complete Program of Study Form			
Summer Session	Year 1		
ArtGr 699	1-3 credits	Thesis Research; Literature Review and Research for Thesis	
	3 credits	Elective or Minor Area	
	3 credits	Minor Area or Internship	
			7-9 Credits
	Year 1		33-35 Credits
Fall Semester	Year 2		
ArtGr 672	3 credits	Graphic Design and Human Interaction	
ArtGr 699	2-3 credits	Thesis	
	3 credits	Elective, Minor Area, or Seminar	
	3 credits	Graphic Design Option Class	
			11-12 Credits
Spring Semester	Year 2		
ArtGr 672	3 credits	Graphic Design and Human Interaction	
ArtGr 698	3 credits	Graphic Design Seminar	
ArtGr 699	3 credits	Thesis	
ArtGr 611	3 credits	Teaching in Higher Education and Design Practice	
	3 credits	Graphic Design Option Class	
			15 Credits
* Deposit thesis, File Diploma Slip, File Request for Final Exam, Take Final Oral Examination			
	Year 2		27 Credits
	Total		60-63 Credits